

4. Suovaniemi, et al, has used the motor that contains the magnet for moving the cylinder of the pipette up and down but not a magnet directly on the pipette to attach it to a surface.

Claim 10, 11, 18, 19 are deleted to over come this citation

5. Moriarty has used the magnet in the hanger that will hold the pipette and not directly on the pipette device.

6. Claim 11, and 20 are deleted.

7. Jansen, has used the magnet in auto sampling device to adjust the height of the pipette so that it does not fall under gravity, whereas in our invention the magnet is used to attach or hang the pipette onto any magnetic surface.

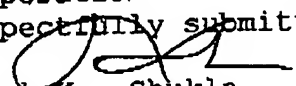
8. Claim 18, and 19 are deleted.

9. Fielden, Tesmer, Tucker, Ghazizadel, Won, Hemple, and Tylor, have described how to attach the magnet to different devices (such as cell-phones, tooth brush, baby-bottles etc), for various applications; but no such device that will organize and hold the pipette in the lab is described or known to exist in the market. We checked with major manufacturers of scientific and lab instruments and devices to find out if such a device is manufactutred or marketed by someone, but we were unable to find such a pipette with magnet as is also confirmed by the letters attached herewith.

No new matter has been added and a withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me. (Tel 410 997 0301). Thank you in advance for all your cooperation.

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MARKED VERSION

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. (Amended) A pipetting device having a housing and said housing containing at least one magnet to attach said pipetting device onto a magnetic material by means of magnetic force.
2. (Amended) A pipetting device having a housing and said housing containing at least one type of magnetic material to attach said pipetting device onto a magnet (magnetic material) by means of magnetic force.
3. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is of such a shape or size that provides for stable attachment of the pipetting device to a magnetic material surface.
4. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said pipetting device is of any shape and size.
5. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said pipetting device is a pipetting device selected from the group consisting of an electronic pipetting device, a mechanical pipetting device, an aspiration-based pipetting device, a suction-based aspirating device, and, combinations thereof.

6. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is a magnetic material attached to a flexible arm.
7. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet has magnetic properties created by a means selected from the group consisting of physical, chemical, electromagnetic, electrochemical, and, combinations thereof.
8. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said pipetting device is selected from the group consisting of a fixed volume pipetting device, a variable volume pipetting device, a single channel pipetting device, a multi-channel pipetting device, a glass pipetting device, a plastic pipetting device, a manual pipetting device, an automatic pipetting device, an electronic pipetting device, a repeat-dispensing pipetting device, and, combinations thereof.
9. (Amended) The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is attached to said pipetting device by a (method) means selected from the group consisting of adhesives-based, single-sided adhesive strip -based, double sided adhesive strip -based, screw-based, magnetic force -based, electromagnetic force -based, heat-based, pressure-based, embedding-based, clip-

based, magnetic strip-based, methods, and, combinations thereof.

10. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is permanently attached to said pipetting device during the manufacture of said device.
11. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is reversibly attached to said pipetting device.
12. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is of such a shape or size that provides for stable attachment of the pipetting device to a magnetic surface.
13. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said pipetting device is of any shape and size.
14. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said pipetting device is a pipetting device selected from the group consisting of an electronic pipetting device, a mechanical pipetting device, an aspiration-based pipetting device, a suction-based aspirating device, and, combinations thereof.
15. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is a magnetic material attached to a flexible arm.

16. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said pipetting device is selected from the group consisting of a fixed volume pipetting device, a variable volume pipetting device, a single channel pipetting device, a multi-channel pipetting device, a glass pipetting device, a plastic pipetting device, a manual pipetting device, an automatic pipetting device, an electronic pipetting device, a repeat-dispensing pipetting device, and, combinations thereof.
17. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is attached to said pipetting device by a (method) means selected from the group consisting of adhesives-based, single-sided adhesive strip - based, double sided adhesive strip -based, screw-based, magnetic force -based, electromagnetic force - based, heat-based, pressure-based, embedding-based, clip-based, magnetic strip-based, methods and, combinations thereof.
18. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is permanently attached to said pipetting device during the manufacture of said device.
19. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is reversibly attached to said pipetting device.

20. (Deleted) The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein
said magnetic material has magnetic properties that
are created by a means selected from the group
consisting of physical, chemical, electromagnetic,
electrochemical, and, combinations thereof.

CORRECTED VERSION

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A pipetting device having a housing and said housing containing at least one magnet to attach said pipetting device onto a magnetic material by means of magnetic force.
2. A pipetting device having a housing and said housing containing at least one type of magnetic material to attach said pipetting device onto a magnet by means of magnetic force.
3. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is of such a shape or size that provides for stable attachment of the pipetting device to a magnetic material surface.
5. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said pipetting device is a pipetting device selected from the group consisting of an electronic pipetting device, a mechanical pipetting device, an aspiration-based pipetting device, a suction-based aspirating device, and, combinations thereof.

8. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said pipetting device is selected from the group consisting of a fixed volume pipetting device, a variable volume pipetting device, a single channel pipetting device, a multi-channel pipetting device, a glass pipetting device, a plastic pipetting device, a manual pipetting device, an automatic pipetting device, an electronic pipetting device, a repeat-dispensing pipetting device, and, combinations thereof.

9. The pipetting device, as in claim 1, wherein said magnet is attached to said pipetting device by a means selected from the group consisting of adhesives-based, single-sided adhesive strip-based, double sided adhesive strip-based, screw-based, magnetic force-based, electromagnetic force-based, heat-based, pressure-based, embedding-based, clip-based, magnetic strip-based, methods, and, combinations thereof.

12. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is of such a shape or size that provides for stable attachment of the pipetting device to a magnetic surface.

14. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said pipetting device is a pipetting device selected from the group consisting of an electronic pipetting device, a mechanical pipetting device, an aspiration-based pipetting device, a suction-based aspirating device, and, combinations thereof.

16. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said pipetting device is selected from the group consisting of a fixed volume pipetting device, a variable volume pipetting device, a single channel pipetting device, a multi-channel pipetting device, a glass pipetting device, a plastic pipetting device, a manual pipetting device, an automatic pipetting device, an electronic pipetting device, a repeat-dispensing pipetting device, and, combinations thereof.

17. The pipetting device, as in claim 2, wherein said magnetic material is attached to said pipetting device by a means selected from the group consisting of adhesives-based, single-sided adhesive strip -based, double sided adhesive strip -based, screw-based, magnetic force -based, electromagnetic force -based, heat-based, pressure-based, embedding-based, clip-based, magnetic strip-based, methods and, combinations thereof.